



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date September 6, 2006

In re the Application of

Peter BAETS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1753

Application No.: 10/693,922

Examiner: A. PHASGE

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Docket No.: 117622

For: METHOD OF SEPARATING MULTIVALENT IONS AND LACTATE IONS FROM A
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**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired July 6, 2006, an extension of time for a period of two months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 183834 in the amount of \$450.00 in payment for:

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